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The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability dated September 23, 2004, characterizes independent Claims 1, 12, 31, 39, 75, and 81 in terms of a classification data set that includes "a plurality of group of terms," whereas Claims 12, 39, and 81 recite a database that includes "a plurality of collocations." Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Accordingly, a revised statement of reasons for allowance consistent with the actual claim language is in order and is respectfully requested.

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